

# SPARK GAP

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## From the Pres.....

I can't believe that this is October. With October come changes. Changes in weather, the leaves changing color and MARC slate of Officers. For those of you that didn't attend the picnic, here are the Officers for the current year: President-Jacki Frederick KI6QOG, Vice President-Dave Daily KB9LOT, Secretary-Rhonda Curtis WS9H, Treasurer-Linda Harshbarger KC9GCH and Trustee-Steve Brown N9LC.

The officers will be looking at ways that we can bring back old members, work on getting new members and keeping the current members. We would like to be able to bring in speakers on topics that the members are interested in. If you have any topics that you would like to hear about, please let us know. We are planning on another Tech class in the spring and fall and hopefully another General class.

I would like to thank Steve & Jeanne Brown for hosting the picnic again this year. Weather was great, lots of good food and stories to tell. Jack presented the club with a plaque that held the names of past presidents of the club. He had name plates with Steve Carmean and Bob Jones along with the years they served added to it. The plaque will be hung in the radio room for all to see.

Please mark your calendar for Oct 31 for the Goblin patrol. I'm hoping Dave Daily will have more information for us at the meeting. This is a yearly event that Greenwood Police and the Sheriff's department really appreciate our help.

I would like to thank Bob Jones for the past two years as President of the club. However Bob, just because you are no longer President, this doesn't mean that you won't be asked to help out.

Jacki KI6QOG  
President

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**GOBLIN PATROL - OCTOBER 31, 2013**

Please MARC your calendars and help with this event.  
Those devious Goblins are everywhere in Johnson County.

## 2013 M.A.R.C. PICNIC

What a perfect day for a club picnic. The annual MARC summer picnic came with burgers, hot dogs, lemonade and a table full of side dishes. The weather was perfect. Just enough chill in the air to give a hint of fall as we gathered at the N9LC Ranch in Franklin.

Thanks to Steve and Jeannie Brown for hosting the event. Jeannie says it's great to see the barn cleaned up once a year. We really need to form a cleanup committee to help Steve out. His barn makes a perfect picnic place rain or shine.

New club officers were elected and installed. Jacki Fredericks-KI6QOG is now President, Dave Daily-KB9LOT got the popular vote for VP, Rhonda Curtis WS9H is retained as Secretary and Linda Harshbarger-KC9GCH was elected to fill the Treasurer position. Congratulations to all.

Posted are a few picnic pictures. You'll have to wait for the annual Christmas meeting video to see what other surprises we have.

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Bruce and Brenda chat.



Where is your horse cowboy?



Chris conserves energy.



Rhonda and Bob discuss matters of the day.



Kevin and Steve pass the time by taking.



Looks like Dave and Cy are ready for summer camp.

Thanks to Jack W8ISH for the pics....



# Ham Radio, Goodwill, and Friendship

C Larson (VA4SR) on August 30, 2013

For friendship is nothing other than goodwill and affection in divine and human things.

--- De Amicitia, Cicero

Friendship and goodwill are deeply connected. You can't say that you have goodwill toward someone and not be open to their friendship. You can't say that you are someone's friend and not exhibit goodwill toward them. In the USA (WU0X) Title 47 of the FCC, Part 97, Subpart A, 97.1 (e), states that the amateur radio service is, in part, designed to continue and extend international goodwill. It's a good addition to otherwise sterile regs.

There are two classic works written on friendship. The first, De Amicitia (On Friendship) was written by Cicero in 44 B.C... The second was a rewriting and expansion of De Amicitia by Aelred of Rievaulx in the early/mid-12th century. He entitled his work, On Spiritual Friendship. Both of them are extremely discerning works about what constitutes friendship and what does not. As such they cut to the chase when it comes to talking about goodwill.

Both of these works recognize different levels of what is commonly called friendship. Yet only one is true friendship, and as such would lead to genuine international goodwill.

Both of these works recognize that:

- The term friendship is often applied to people who are involved together in activities that are criminal. Some friendships are based on this type of common activity. Friendship in these activities serves to bolster one another's courage to act in manners that prey upon others, or to denigrate one another's characters. Sadly, some people never advance beyond this level of behavior, and wind up ruining the lives of both themselves and others around them. This type of friendship ends when one of the parties ceases to participate in the activity.
- The term friendship is also used with others who are engaged in the same activities that are considered above board. People become friends because of common goals. These include business, special interest clubs, and associations. It may even include a sense of nationalism, or ethnic pride. And many marriages and other social contracts fall under this type of friendship. But once again, in spite of the goals of these common activities being positive and perhaps even noble, these friendships end when participation in the common goal ceases. Business partnerships dissolve, marriages end. In the end you are not welcome back at the office if you take another job, or in your spouse's home once you separate. It doesn't have to be that way, but it most often is.

The dynamics of these relationships highlight that these so-called forms of friendship are conditional. When considered in the context of international goodwill, then the so-called international goodwill associated with them is also disingenuous. You cannot say that you have international goodwill in some things, or at certain times, or with some people, and not at others. That's just prejudice in disguise.

By definition goodwill transcends the limitations that you may want to impose. In other words, genuine goodwill is not conditional. As someone with training in clinical depth psychology one of the most difficult things that I have had to discuss with people whose relationships have dissolved has been their complicitousness in the lack of genuine goodwill between parties...we all want to be self-justified and to think more kindly of ourselves. And indeed, a large part of therapy is involved in unmasking these cover-ups that we use to tell ourselves that we are nice people, when actually we are not.

• But both the Roman statesman Cicero and the Anglo- Saxon Aelred agree that there is a genuine friendship which begets genuine goodwill. According to both of them genuine goodwill emerges from friendship that is founded on friendship for friendship's sake. This friendship may be disappointed when one of the partners has a moral failure. But it is reconciliatory and stays loyal even when one or the other is no longer a part of the association that caused it to form in the first place. This action, and neither of the first two, is the only basis for promoting genuine goodwill.

When it comes to amateur radio genuine goodwill could not be more needed today. As radio operators have the opportunity to talk with others around the world it is imperative that we become friends not so that some goal can be achieved, but simply for the sake of friendship for its own sake. This may not be easy for everyone to do. Without ever having taken the opportunity to see the world through someone else's eyes, it is difficult, but it is not impossible, and is certainly a starting point for developing a better working practice of goodwill on the air.

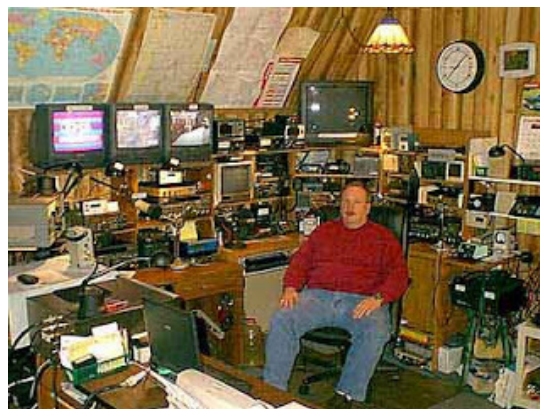
Radio communication based on one's unspoken assumptions of national or political superiority is not true goodwill. True goodwill involves a selflessness that may even cost you something for the sake of radio communication. And I have to say that in my role as a counselor very few people are able to name or naturally attain this degree of egolessness in the world, even in their most valued relationships.

If you want to learn how to be genuinely good-willed, then you need be asking questions of others more than talking about yourself. You also need to learn to suspend your judgment. And finally, it is important to enlarge your worldview enough to allow the things you learn from others to start a dialogue in your own head about your own beliefs, how these might be only a partial and perhaps ego-driven (or even adolescent) view of the world. By being opened up in this we become even more people of goodwill, able to accept others who might have a very different take on life than yourself, which as for me is one of the reasons that I am an amateur radio operator.

73 de VA4SR

..... this article appeared on eHAM webpage.

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**SHACK OF THE MONTH**



This is the HAM SHACK of Mark, K9QFL of Fountaintown, Indiana. What does your HAM SHACK look like? The Spark Gap would like to have a picture of your shack to be featured in up-coming issues. Please send your picture to Bob N9SIU at [n9siu@yahoo.com](mailto:n9siu@yahoo.com).

..... 73, Bob N9SIU

## **Local Nets ..... FYI .....**

### **INARES HF Voice Net**

**Repeats every week every Sunday until Sunday Dec 29 2013 .**

**Sunday 5:00pm IN-ARRL 80m SSB | 3.900 MHz IN Statewide**

**Tune in to the IN ARES HF voice net at 3.900 MHz LSB at 5:00 PM Eastern Time every Sunday.**

### **Johnson County ARES Net**

**Repeats every week until Sunday Dec 29 2013 .**

**Sunday 7:00pm Mid States ARC | 146.835 MHz Johnson**

### **Hamilton County ARES Net**

**Repeats every week every Sunday until Sunday Dec 29 2013 .**

**Sunday 8:00pm Hamilton Co ARES 2m | 145.170 MHz Hamilton**

**\The Hamilton County ARES Net is every Sunday at 2000 hours on the 145.170 (PL77) repeater which is linked to the 443.550 (PL77) repeater.**

### **IN-ARRL CW Traffic Net QIN (evening)**

**Repeats every day until Tuesday Dec 31 2013 .**

**Sunday 8:00pm IN-ARRL CW | 3.535 MHz IN Statewide**

**For more information, go to: <http://indianacw.net>**

### **IN-ARRL CW Traffic Net QIN (morning)**

**Repeats every day until Tuesday Dec 31 2013 .**

**Monday 9:30am IN-ARRL CW | 3.535 MHz IN Statewide**

**For more information, go to: <http://indianacw.net>**

### **Shelby County ARES Net**

**Repeats every week until Monday Dec 30 2013 .**

**Monday 7:30pm Blue River ARC 2m | 145.480 MHz Shelby**

### **Hendricks County ARES Net**

**Repeats every week every Tuesday until Tuesday Dec 24 2013 .**

**Tuesday 7:30pm Hendricks Co ARS | 147.015 MHz Hendricks**

**Check-ins, announcements**

### **Hancock County ARES Net**

**Repeats every week every Tuesday until Tuesday Dec 24 2013 .**

**Tuesday 7:30pm Hancock ARC primary 2m | 145.330 MHz Hancock**

### **Indianapolis 220 net**

**Repeats every week every Tuesday until Tuesday Dec 24 2013 .**

**Tuesday 8:00pm K9XV | 224.800 MHz Marion**

**Dust off your 220 rig and join Steve Curtis ND9C on 224.800 MHz (88.5 Hz PL tone) every Tuesday evening at 8:00pm. The 224.800 repeater is usually linked to the 147.210 repeater for this net, so even if you don't have a 220 radio, you can join in.**

### **Newsline**

**Repeats every week until Wednesday Dec 25 2013 .**

**Wednesday 7:00pm Indianapolis Repeater Assoc 2m | 146.700 MHz Marion**

**[[link:Amateur Radio Newsline](#)] news broadcast.**

### **Marion County ARES and Information Net**

**Repeats every week until Wednesday Dec 25 2013 .**

**Wednesday 7:30pm Indianapolis Repeater Assoc 2m | 146.700 MHz Marion**

### **Morgan County ARES**

**Repeats every week until Wednesday Dec 25 2013 .**

**Wednesday 8:00pm Morgan RA 2m | 147.060 MHz Morgan**

### **INARES HF Digital Net**

**Repeats every month every Wednesday until Wednesday Dec 25 2013 .**

**Wednesday 8:30pm IN-ARRL Digital | 3.583 MHz IN Statewide**

**Mode: OLIVIA 500/8 (mode may change at discretion of net control)**

**Use of FLDigi / FLMSG programs is expected to fully participate in this net. Operators using other software will not be able to copy and extract messages sent in standard template format using error detection.**

**Operators proficient with FLDigi and who have robust digital stations on 80m should contact Larry WB9FHP during the net and offer to serve as net control occasionally. This is the Indiana ARES Digital Net and we need to share the load and responsibility for maintaining this net.**

**Boone County ARES Net**

**Repeats every week every Thursday until Thursday Dec 26 2013.**

**Thursday 8:00pm N9HLL | 147.105 MHz Boone**

**Marion County IDHS RACES Net**

**Repeats every month on the first Sunday until Sunday Dec 01 2013 .**

**Sunday 7:00pm District 5 VHF | 147.210 MHz District 5**

**This RACES Net is open to all licensed amateur radio operators. It is for the testing of equipment and the dissemination of information.**

**IDHS RACES Monthly Net**

**Repeats every month on the second Sunday until Sunday Dec 08 2013 except Sun Jan 08 2012,**

**Sunday Jul 08 2012.**

**Sunday 6:00pm IDHS RACES 80m SSB | 3.920 MHz IN Statewide**

**The purpose of the net is to evaluate Indiana amateur radio disaster communications through the RACES program and to pass traffic and information.**

**All Indiana county EMA Directors or their designated representatives only are asked to check-in to this net.**

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**MANY THANKS  
TO THE HAM VOLUNTEERS  
THAT HELPED WITH THE  
GREENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL  
MARCHING BAND INVITATIONAL.  
73, BOB N9SIU**



# 2013 HAMFESTS

**October 5**

**Hoosier Hills Hamfest,** Lawrence County 4H Fairgrounds,  
11261 US Hwy 50 West., Bedford, Indiana <http://www.w9qyq.org/>

**Nov. 16-17**

**Indiana State Convention, Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo.**  
Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, Indiana  
<http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com/>



# MID-STATE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The Mid-State Amateur Radio Club meets the THIRD SATURDAY of each month in the basement of the Johnson County Emergency Management Agency, 1111 Hospital Road, Franklin, Indiana 46131.

See our website, [www.midstatehams.org](http://www.midstatehams.org), for maps on how to get to our meeting.

Everyone is welcome; you do not have to be a HAM to attend our meetings or a member of the club.

**WA9RDF**  
**Repeater**  
**146.835/**  
**146.235 MHz**  
**151.4 Hz PL Tone**

**Club Officers:**  
**President: Jacki Frederick – KI6QOG**  
**Vice President: Dave Daily – KB9LOT**  
**Secretary: Rhonda Curtis– WS9H**  
**Treasurer: Linda Harshbarger-KC9GCH**  
**Repeater Trustee: Steve Brown – N9LC**

**Weekly Net: Sunday evening 7:00 PM ARES/RACES members and ALL RADIO AMATEURS**

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